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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT FACING AGGRAVATED
CYPRUS CRISIS

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EVANGELOS AVEROFF, FORMER FONMIN FOR MANY YEARS UNDER KARAMANLIS,
HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME FROM OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF GREECE
GHIZIKIS, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE CHIEFS OF THE GREEK ARMED
FORCES. HE SAID HE WAS CALLING TO EXPRESS HIS STRONGEST REACTION
AGAINST WHAT IS PRESENTLY HAPPENING AT AIRPORT IN NICOSIA. HE
SAID THE TURKISH FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED THE AIRPORT, THERE HAS BEEN
NO GREEK REACTION TO AVOID LOSS OF LIFE, THE UN CAME IN TO TAKE
OVER THE AIRPORT BUT THEY WERE FORCED TO WITHDRAW BY TURKISH
FORCES. THE GREEKS ARE UNDER SIEGE AND THERE ARE MANY CIVILIANS
IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF AIRPORT. AVEROFF ASKED ME SOLEMNLY TO
PASS ON TO YOU AND THE PRESIDENT THIS IS SITUATION IN WHICH IT
WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RESTRAIN THE GREEK PEOPLE. THIS IS
UNBEARABLE AND IS PUTTING A CALM MAN, LIKE AVEROFF "OUT OF
HIMSELF". HE WARNS OF GRAVEST REACTIONS ON PART OF GOG TO
THIS SITUATION.

2. HE THEN ADDED IT IS UNBELIEVABLE THIS SHOULD TAKE PLACE

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JUST AT TIME THAT GREECE IS ABOUT TO TAKE THE GREAT STEP BACK TO

DEMOCRACY AND A GOVERNMENT WILL EMANATE FROM GREECE WHICH WILL
BE INCLINED TO DEAL WITH ITS PROBLEMS IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE.

3. AS MY EARLIER MESSAGE INDICATED, AVEROFF IS TO BE THE
FOREIGN MINISTER OF A NEW GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY UNDER
THE LEADERSHIP OF KANELLOPOULOS.

4. NOTE: FOREGOING ACCOUNT OF AVEROFF'S IS CONFIRMED BY
SENSITIVE AND RELIABLE SOURCES.

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